

Amendments to the Specification (Substitute Specification filed September 8, 2005)

Page 1, please replace the paragraphs spanning line 22 through page 2, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

For example, in Japanese Patent Publication A 11-228395, a tulobuterol-patch which has a structure to fully dissolve tulobuterol ~~are~~ is proposed. However, when such a patch is preserved for a long time due to the high concentration of tulobuterol, the preparation is apt to receive the influence by changes of circumstances such as temperature, etc. For example, even if the preparation has a good quality just after preparing it, with the passage of time there is a possibility that drug-release pattern becomes different from one at the earlier time because tulobuterol crystallizes in the adhesive layer or changes of the concentration occurs.

In general essential physical properties such as adhesivity and shape retention of a patch ~~is~~ are broken down and it is impossible to stably release the drug when a large amount of ingredients, which are either essential or unessential, are contained in the patch.

In regard to a patch containing much amount of tulobuterol, when the amount of an adhesive is too much, the essential physical properties ~~becomes~~ become worse and during application of the patch, it gives an uncomfortable feeling to a patient and there is also a possibility to drop it out due to rubbing with clothes.

Page 7, please replace the paragraph spanning line 26 through page 8, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This method has a merit in the viewpoint not to use an organic solvent, but the constituents are denatured to some extent as the heat charge is very large. Therefore, essential physical properties and the release pattern of tulobuterol, etc., ~~becomes~~ become unstable and the high processing technique is necessary for preparing it. Therefore, this method can not be chosen as the first option from the practical viewpoint.

Page 17, please replace the paragraph spanning line 25 through page 18, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, according to the present invention, essential physical properties on a patch such as adhesivity and shape retention ~~is~~are suitably adjusted and by simplifying the method for preparation, the patch of the present invention has following advantages comparing with the known tulobuterol-patch:

(1) Despite fact that the content of tulobuterol is less, the effect can be optimized according to the therapeutic object as the patch of the present invention shows sufficient tulobuterol release amount and it is possible to widely and simply control the tulobuterol release amount.

(2) The adjustment of essential properties as a patch is possible together with controlling the release amount and releasing pattern of tulobuterol. Therefore, it becomes possible to provide a patch which is therapeutically effective and has physical properties suitable to the skin condition.

(3) During preservation, the influence by changes of circumstances is less and the quality is stably kept for a long term.

(4) The preparation method is very simple and practical.